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1. The Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction is one of the two ministries which were established after the Ministry for Machine Construction was dissolved on the basis of a decree by the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, effective 16 April 1955. The offices of the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction are still located on several floors of the House of Ministries at Leipziger Strasse 7 in East Berlin. Offices of the new Ministry for General Machine Construction are located on the same floors.

2. The following is the present structure of the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction:

- a. Minister: Erich Apel, who became a member of the SED about 18 months ago. He spent some time during the postwar period in the USSR.

- b. First Deputy Minister and State Secretary: Wilhelm Zieseniss (SED), former manager of VEB Volkswerft Stralsund.

- c. The Ministry is divided into two technical areas (Bereiche):

Area I: Industrial Equipment and Foundries (Industrielle Ausruestung und Giessereien), headed by Hermann Grosse (SED), Deputy Minister, former head of the Main Department for Export and Sales in the former Ministry for Machine Construction. This Area is subdivided into the following Main Administrations (MA):

- (1) MA for Heavy Industrial Equipment, headed by Helmut Schuetze (SED), former deputy head of the same Main Administration in the old Ministry.

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- (2) MA for Chemical, Ceramic and Food Industry Equipment, headed by Stobbe (fnu-SED), former head of VEB Maschinenfabrik Halle.

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- (3) MA for Polygraphic and Textile Industries, headed by Zuehlke (fnu-SED)

- (4) MA for Machine Tool Construction, headed by Zeitel (fnu-SED) former head of the same Main Administration in the old Ministry.

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- (5) MA for Foundries, headed by Pasold (fnu-SED), former head of the same Main Administration in the old Ministry.

Area II: Power, Electrical Machine Construction and Ship Construction (Energie, Elektromaschinen- und Schiffbau), headed by Wolfgang Schomburg (SED), Deputy Minister, former head of the Main Administration for Heavy Industrial Equipment in the old Ministry. This Area is subdivided into the following Main Administrations:

- (6) MA for Power and Power Machine Construction, headed by Kurt Dumke (SED), former head of Main Administration for Power and Work Machine Construction in the old Ministry. The MA for Electrical Machine and Power Machine Construction is a combination of the two former Main Administrations for Power and Work Machine Construction and for Boiler and Turbine Construction.

- (7) MA for Electrical Machine Construction, headed by Kurt Friedel (SED), former head of the same Main Administration in the old Ministry.

- (8) MA Cable, headed by Friedrich Holland (SED), former head of the Main Administration for Cable and Apparatus Construction in the old Ministry. The former MA was divided into the MA Cable and into the MA for Electrical Equipment for Vehicles (Fahrzeug-Elektrik), which is now under the Ministry for General Machine Construction.

- (9) MA for Ship Construction, headed by Heinrich Kuenzel (no party affiliation), former head of the same Main Administration in the old Ministry.³

- d. The Ministry furthermore has a Section for Technical-Scientific and Economic Cooperation with Friendly Countries, headed by Deputy Minister Bruno Koch (SED), former Deputy Minister and State Secretary responsible for the Area for Transport Machine and Agricultural Machine Construction in the old Ministry. This Section has the status of an Area. It is responsible to both the Ministries for Heavy Machine Construction and that for General Machine Construction.

- e. The following are most of the Main Departments of the Ministry, some of which are still called Central Departments:

- (1) Main Department for Bookkeeping and Revisions, headed by Koenig (fnu-no party).
- (2) Main Department for Labor, head unknown.
- (3) Main Department for Planning, Herbert Bellitz (SED candidate)
- (4) Main Department for Material Supply, head unknown.
- (5) Main Department for Budget (Haushalt), headed by Seifert (fnu-SED).
- (6) Main Department for Cadre, headed by Hartenhauer (fnu-SED).
- (7) Main Department for General Administration, head unknown.
- (8) Main Department for Technical and Trade Schools, head unknown.
- (9) Main Department or Central Department for Research and Development, headed by Neske (fnu-SED).

- f. The Ministry furthermore has a Construction Staff (Aufbaustab), also called Fighting Staff (Kampfstab), for Korea and Vietnam. This office is responsible to both new Ministries for Heavy Machine Construction and for General Machine Construction.⁴

1. [redacted] Comment. Zeitel was previously reported as technical head of this Main Administration; Jakob Stramb was named as the head.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] was previously reported as head of this Main Administration.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Kuenzel was previously listed as technical head; Helmut Gebauer was head.

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